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IN PERSIAN GULF

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JIDDA FOR AMBASSADOR AKINS

1. WE BELIEVE YOU TOOK RIGHT LINE IN CONVERSATION WITH MAS'UD REPORTED IN JIDDA 286. DEPARTMENT HAS NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD SUBSTANTIATE THESE STORIES ABOUT AGGRESSIVE IRANIAN INTENTIONS, WHICH WE AGREE WERE PROBABLY PLANTED BY HAMMOUDI.

2. SPECIFICALLY, DEPARTMENT NOT AWARE THAT ANY IRANIAN SPOKESMAN HAS REOPENED A CLAIM TO BAHRAIN. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON CURRENT LEVELS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OF IRANIANS TO GULF STATES AND AWARE OF NO GOI-SPONSORED ACTIVITY THAT MIGHT BE CHARACTERIZED AS QUOTE INFILTRATION UNQUOTE. FINALLY, WE KNOW OF NO AGREEMENT WITH OMAN ON IRANIAN NAVAL PRESENCE ON THE RAS AL-MASANDUM, ALTHOUGH POSSIBILITY OF SOME INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING CANNOT BE RULED OUT. ON RELATED ISSUE OF PRESS REPORTS OF NAVAL AGREEMENT

BETWEEN IRAN AND OMAN, TEHRAN 271 QUOTES IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL AS STATING THAT THERE IS NO FORMAL NAVAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN IRAN AND OMAN (REF C).

3. BEGIN FYI. OMANI OFFICIALS HAVE SUGGESTED TO US THAT THE SULTAN'S VISIT TO TEHRAN LAST YEAR RESULTED IN UNWRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR EITHER NATION TO MAKE ITS MILITARY FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE OTHER, AND THAT THIS WAS DISCUSSED IN CONTEXT OF SECURITY SITUATION ON THE RAS AL-MASANDUM. SAUDIS HAVE PROBABLY HEARD SAME STORIES. OMANI FONMIN ZAWAWI HAS RECENTLY FURTHER CLARIFIED STATUS OF AGREEMENTS WITH IRAN (REFTEL C) BY SAYING THAT OMAN HAS NO NAVAL OR SECURITY AGREEMENT AS SUCH WITH IRAN, BUT IS DISCUSSING POLLUTION-CONTROL AGREEMENT WHICH COULD INVOLVE IRANIAN NAVAL PATROLS IN OMANI WATERS. END FYI.

4. ASSUME INFO ADDRESSEES WILL ALSO RESPOND TO THESE QUESTIONS.

5. FOR EMBASSY JIDDA: YOU MAY WISH TO ENCOURAGE DIRECT APPROACHES BY SAG TO IRANIAN GOVERNMENT TO CLEAR UP SUCH MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND TO PROMOTE BETTER SAG-GOI RELATIONS. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF
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WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN ANY SHIFT IN HIGH LEVEL SAUDI PERCEPTIONS OF IRANIAN ACTIVITIES IN GULF, WHICH HAVE BEEN BENIGN IN RECENT PAST. KISSINGER

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